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We're For Appomattox County And Its People

The Times-Virginian is neither pro-union nor anti-union; we are neither pro-management nor anti-management, but we are pro-Appomattox County. We are for the well being of the people who inhabit this county and the surrounding area.

We strongly support any movement which tends to make Appomattox County a better place, and with equal vigor we oppose that which would be detrimental to either the county or its people.

We would like to see full employment in our county if it is at all possible.

The United States faces great problems in the area of unemployment, and we do not claim to have the answer for the rest of our nation, but there is a potential problem in our county which we would like to bring to the attention of the citizenry in order that it may be averted.

On October 31 the International Ladies' Garment Workers Union of the American Federation of Labor will hold an election at one of our industries, the Appomattox Garment Company Finishing Plant. The 320 employees of Appomattox Garment Company will vote for acceptance or rejection of the ILGW. Should the union be successful in its endeavor, and should the garment company not be able to meet the demands of the union, the only alternative would be for the union to call a strike.

Appomattox Garment Company has been an employer in the county for 30 years with an annual payroll exceeding two and a half million dollars. A strike now, when the entire nation is suffering through a recession, when the economy is at the lowest ebb since the depression years of the 30's would present an almost unsurmountable problem to the Appomattox Garment Company and its employees.

There is a definite possibility that the company would have to cease operations, causing unemployment, not only for the 320 workers at the company, but for other employees who furnish material, transportation and services to Appomattox Garment.

We know of no instance where a striking employee has been able to make up in increased wages, or other benefits, the wages lost while walking a picket line, or honoring a picket line thrown up by union sympathizers.

We remind our readers that a similiar election was scheduled for January 14, 1954. That election was cancelled by the National Labor Relations Board, apparently because of the lack of support for the union at that time.

However, the union did call a strike against the Appomattox plant and it was manufacturing plant in Lynchburg on January 10, 1954.

We would like to call to the attention of the garment workers here that often promises are made that cannot possibly be kept. We also remind you that your job is precious today with: the high cost of food, utilities and the other day-to-day necessities. You are employed today. You should do all within your power to maintain your job and help make it secure.

The cost of business is increasing daily, just as the cost of living is increasing. Your employer is experiencing increases in cost of materials, transportation and supplies and in many cases have to take a smaller margin of profit in order to market on a competitive basis.

We contend that Appomattox County cannot afford, today or October 31, or ever, to lose a two and a half million dollar payroll, nor can the people of Appomattox County afford a strike such as the one experienced in 1954.

The Times-Virginian invites response to this editorial from any citizen of Appomattox County. We think that what happens at Appomattox Garment Company on October 31, 1974 will affect the lives of many people in our county.

Letter To The Editor:

To the Citizens of Appomattox County:

We wish to thank each of you individually for the fine support and co-operation you have given us in making the second annual Historic Appomattox Railroad Day Festival a success.

Special appreciation goes to the following civic groups for their time and services freely rendered: Appomattox Jaycees, the Boy Scouts, Appomattox Senior Woman Club, Pamplin Ruritan Club, Spout Spring Ruritan, Oakville Ruritan and the Lions Club.

Because total community involvement is necessary for a memorable Festival, we are grateful for the assistance given by the following: Virginia Tech Extension, Virginia Commission of Historic Landmarks, Civil War Centennial Committee, Norfolk and Western Railway Company, Appomattox Court House National Historical Park, South Central District, Virginia Federation of Garden Clubs, Inc. **Time-Virginian**, Chamber of Commerce, W.O.W., Appomattox County School System, Fire Department, Rescue Squad, Jamerson Brothers Trucking Co., and WTTX.

All participants in the parade, in the Arts and Crafts sales, in the food sales and the Historic Displays are given special thanks for their part in the Festival. Also, we thank the contributors responsible for providing the Cactus Joe Choo Choo.

A vital part of the Festival and the music provided by the following groups: Liberty Youth Singers, Continental Army Band, The Piedmont Playboys, New Hope Singers, Al Reynolds and the Drifters and Hebron Baptist Youth Choir.

It is our hope that we have not omitted expressing appreciation to any group. Again we say thank you to all.

Appomattox Jr. Woman's Club
Town of Appomattox

Fidelity Acquires Loan Company

LYNCHBURG Sept.26 - E. R. Harris, President of Fidelity American Bankshares, Inc. announced today that the Board of Governors of the Federal Reserve System has approved the acquisition of Security Finance Corporation of Spartanburg, S.C. Security Finance Corporation is a consumer loan company operating 132 offices throughout the Southeastern United States. Harris noted that Security Finance would significantly broaden the geographic scope of operations of the holding company. Fidelity American Bankshares is a registered bank holding company headquartered in Lynchburg which operates 16 commercial banks i. the state of Virginia and had assets at the end of June, 1974 in excess of $800 million.

Letter to Editor

To Whom It May Concern:

The Town of Appomattox is indeed grateful to the Junior Woman's Club and to all those civic organizations who had a part in the Second Annual Appomattox Railroad Day. We also are grateful for the people in our community who gave this project their wholehearted support.

Thank You,
H. B. Pack, Mayor

TO WHOM IT MAY CONCERN:

WE, the Appomattox County Board of Supervisors take this opportunity to extend our congratulations to the Junior Womens Club and to all those civic organizations who has a part in making the "Second Annual Appomattox Railroad Day" a tremendous success. We further extend our congratulations to the Town of Appomattox and to the people of this County, without whose support this endeavor would never have succeeded.

This event exemplifies a community with a pride in an awareness of its place in history, and a willingness to cooperate with each other in efforts to revitalize our community spirit and pride.

This attitude, we feel is significant because, as you will recall, it was at Appomattox some one hundred nine years ago that our nation was reunited and this event rekindled a national pride and vitality that has been unparalleled in history.

WE, the Board of Supervisors of Appomattox County are indeed proud to be a part this community.

Thank you,
John C. Cole
Chairman

The Sunday School Lesson

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Comment on the International Sunday School lesson for Sunday, October 20, 1974
Topic: **The Stuff of Daily Living**
Scripture: Proverbs 1:1-10; 3:5-8, 13-14; 15:1-4; 23:19-21; 25: 21-23

Happy is the man who finds wisdom,
and the man who gets understanding,
for the gain from it is better than the gain from silver
and its profit better than gold.
Proverbs 3:13-14

Perhaps the most universal desire to be found in the world today is for happiness. For multitudes it is the prime goal in life. Parents strive to make their children "happy." Grown-ups spend an abundance of money and much time seeking to be "happy." Thomas Jefferson wrote, in the Declaration of Independence, that the pursuit of happiness, along with life and liberty, is among the unalienable rights with which the Creator endowed man. Many misread or misinterpret that phrase to mean that happiness is a right bestowed by God on man.

Yet for all the assiduous pursuit of happiness, many tively few find it. For many happiness is an elusive goal, as fleeting as the will-o'-the wisp. Sometimes the harder one works to be happy, the more difficult it is to attain happiness.

The desire for happiness is by no means a modern characteristic. Implicit in the verse from the book of Proverbs, quoted at the beginning of this comment, is a widespread desire for happiness. This ancient book, in which the maxims of the people of Israel and their neighbors were collected, was designed to serve as a guide book for young men, particularly for young men going into business. While thoroughly practical and utilitarian, the book of Proverbs is equally thoroughly grounded in religious faith.

In its guidelines for living, the Proverbs offers advice on how to attain happiness. In the difference between the guidelines in Proverbs and the typical avenues people take today to attain happiness may be found the explanation of why so many seekers of happiness fail to find it. All too many people have a mistaken idea of what constitutes happiness.

Ask a person what approach he follows in his pursuit of happiness and compare it with the advice in Proverbs, "Happy is the man who finds wisdom . . ." How many seek it in terms of money or pleasure or power or prominence?

In seeking happiness through wisdom, one must realize what wisdom is. It is not to be confused with or regarded as a synonym for k n o wledge. Knowledge is the volume of learning or the store of information a person has. A person with knowledge is not necessarily a wise person. Wisdom involves understanding, common sense, judgment. Wisdom applies knowledge in life situations. Wisdom perceives what is good and right and true and makes the good, the right, the true the guide of life. Knowledge may know what is good and right and true, but it may not accept them as guidelines for living, while wisdom applies and uses such knowledge.

Monsignor Ronald Knox has translated the familiar line from Proverbs, "The fear of the Lord is the beginning of knowledge," in this way: "True wisdom is founded on the fear of the Lord." The former translation conveys the connotation that the basic and fundamental knowledge is to know God and reverence Him; the latter carries the connotation that the first step in the cultivation of wisdom is the recognition of God as all-wise and that in finding God's guidance one acquires wisdom. Both concepts are true, and both point to the eternal versity that a person finds his true happiness in the commitment of his life to God and in the acceptance of God as Lord of life. "Seek first his kingdom and his righteousness and these things shall be given you as well" is the surest way to happiness men and women have.

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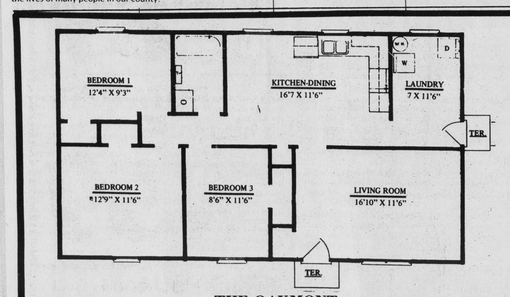

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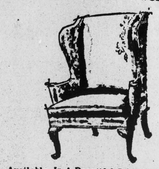

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Generations Get Together

...ture above taken recently at a family gathering in ...dsboro does four generations of the Elon O. Johnson ...ily. Four generations include Elon O. Johnson, right, of ...ro; his son, Earl T. Johnson of Tennessee, center; ...Johnson, Jr., on the left; and Robert Earl Kraatz of ...a, great grandson of Elon Johnson, being held by ...mother in the center.

...llywood

...Elder preached a ...t at Hollywood ...

...Deaner and ...surprise birthday ...er of Mrs. W. H. ...onday night.

...ations to Mr. and ...Webb, they have a ...Matthew Adam born ...Virginia Baptist ...

...Watson and infant ...home Monday ...pital. Both Mother ...doing fine. A lot of ...friends have been ...Watson home.

...Banton of ...and Mrs. Emma ...dinner guest of ...Sunday. Mrs. ...was visited in this ...afternoon.

...very sorry to hear ...of Mrs. Walter ...We wish for her a ...covery.

...glad to hear Mrs. ...is better and hope ...soon be well.

...Rs. Rufus Wing- ...home spent Thurs- ...and Friday with the ...Reid family.

...very sorry to hear ...last week of Mrs. ...Baltimore of Rich- ...was the former ...Appomattox ...our sympathy to ...bereaved ones.

...Rs. L. H. Watson ...family of Alexandria ...week end with Mr. ...L. Watson, Sr.

...Charles Hanenkrat of ...spent Saturday with ...Mrs. M. L. Covington. Mrs. W. T. Covington and Mrs. Charlie Bagby were dinner guest Saturday in this home.

We are very sorry to hear Mrs. Mae Slough is on the sick list. We hope she may soon be well.

Mrs. Thomas Woodall and Lisa spent the week end with her parents and relatives in Covington.

Mrs. John Goin was a dinner guest of Mrs. C. R. Banton Thursday. Mr. and Mrs. R. G. Austin and Tom visited Mrs. Banton Saturday. Mrs. Emma Reynolds and sister-in-law, Mrs. Lorraine Martin visited in this home Wednesday afternoon.

Mr. and Mrs. Arney Pickeral of Lynchburg were visitors of Mrs. Charlie Bagby Wednesday.

The W. H. Wingfields visited Mr. and Mrs. Kenneth Deaner and family Sunday night.

Congratulations to Mr. and Mrs. Arlis Maxwell and family, they moved into their new home on Route 2 last week. We welcome them to our neighborhood.

Miss Janie Maxwell daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Arlis Maxwell is stationed at Fort Benjamin, Indiana. She would appreciate hearing from her friends. Her address is Pvt. Janie L. Maxwell, 225-86-0656 CO-E-Sta. Bn USA. IA Fort Benjamin, Harrison, Ind. 46216.

Rev. and Mrs. Otis Smith and Mr. and Mrs. Calvin Smith and family visited Rev. Smith's sister and her family in Halifax Sunday and attended their family reunion.

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